

REMARKS

New claims 95 - 100 being added by this Preliminary Amendment are dependent upon elected claim 81. Although it is requested that all of the new claims be examined along with the elected claims, it can be pointed out that all of the new claims but claim 99 satisfy the criteria of the Office Action for the elected group III. Accordingly, examination of these new claims along with those being elected is respectfully requested.

Please note that two Information Disclosure Statements have been filed in this application, both on August 21, 2001. A further Supplemental Disclosure Statement is being filed with this response. Consideration of the references listed in all three Statements, and the making of each of record in the file of the present application, are respectfully requested.

An early examination on the merits and allowance of the present application are solicited.

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